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## **Melanoma Foundation of New England Receives the Audesse Award**

Concord, MA, November 19, 2007 — The Melanoma Foundation of New England was selected by the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists (MSCO) to receive the Society's 2007 "Audesse Award" (previously called Sullivan Award).

"We are honored to receive this prestigious award," said Deb Girard, Executive Director of the Melanoma Foundation of New England. "To be recognized for the work we do at the Foundation means a lot to us. Melanoma is the fastest growing cancer in the United States and is the fifth most common cancer among Americans. We hope to combat the rising rate of melanoma and melanoma deaths through our early detection and prevention programs."

Each year, MSCO honors an organization or individual who has made a significant contribution in the area of cancer care and treatment, patients' rights, or cancer education. Past Sullivan Award winners include the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Senate President Robert Travaglini, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Collins, the Kenneth B. Schwartz Center, the Honorable Scott Harshbarger, the Honorable Harriette L. Chandler, the Cam Neely Foundation, Robert Mehrman, and former state senator, Nancy Achin (Sullivan) Audesse, in whose honor the award was originally established.



*From left, Mel and Marilyn Rubin, founders of the Melanoma Foundation of New England, Nancy Achin Audesse and Deb Girard*

### **About The Melanoma Foundation of New England**

The Melanoma Foundation of New England is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about prevention, early detection and helping patients and their caregivers cope with melanoma. Skin cancer is the number one diagnosed cancer in the United States. Melanoma is also our most preventable cancer.

### **About The Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists**

The Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists is a professional organization for oncologists and subspecialists in Massachusetts. Founded in 1985, MSCO members have worked to improve cancer care and treatment and to represent the interests of cancer patients and oncologists throughout the State. MSCO is recognized by the American Society of Clinical Oncologists (ASCO), the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), and the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) as the voice for oncologists in Massachusetts.

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